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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT** & **TM** in re Application of:  
Li, et al.

Serial No.: 09/469,709

Confirmation No.: 5296

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: High Through-Put CU  
CMP With Significantly  
Reduced Erosion

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: G. A. Goudreau

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
**37 CFR 1.8**

AMENDMENT FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

This Amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. In the respect, the Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance on December 3, 2003. The Issue Fee has not been paid, but is due to be paid on or before March 3, 2004. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3786.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.